

feathers of his Akali bosses. The recent call for a boycott was not what Vedanti wanted—as evidenced by his silence at the meeting—instead pressure from Jathedar Balwant Singh Nandgarh and the Sikh Sangat left him no other option. Observers predict ultimately it would be the Sikh Sangat that will rise up against the onslaught of derawaad that has been flourishing in Punjab under the Akali administration. Photos such as the above should be ample proof for the agitating Sikh Sangat which side of the fence the Akalis and their puppet Jathedars are really standing on.

**HONORING COLONEL KATHLEEN M. SPENCER ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE**

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Kathleen M. Spencer, a soldier who has served her country with honor and distinction. Colonel Spencer is retiring at the end of this month following 30 years in the United States military.

First commissioned in the U.S. Air Force on June 23, 1977, Colonel Kathleen M. Spencer received her B.S., cum laude, from the University of Massachusetts. Upon her entry into the Air Force, she was commissioned a munitions officer.

Colonel Spencer served honorably in 16 different assignments throughout the United States, including a 3-year stint in Germany. She will complete her military career as the Chief of Munitions at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii.

During her career, Colonel Spencer served as a munitions maintenance officer and supervisor, as a munitions staff officer and an instructor to Squadron Officer School. She has also held multiple commander positions, served as a military assistant to the Executive Secretary in the Pentagon, as a chief of logistics, and deputy director.

Retiring with numerous decorations for her years of service, Colonel Spencer is especially proud of her Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, her Air Force Commendation medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Madam Speaker, it is service members like Colonel Spencer who help make our military the finest fighting force in the world. This Congress congratulates Colonel Spencer on her retirement and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

**HONORING STEPHEN E. MILLARD**

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Stephen E. Millard, who passed away on Saturday, May 19th, 2007, and to offer his family and friends my sympathies as they grieve and reflect on their time spent with him. In his passing, Steve leaves us all with occasion to consider our

own pursuits of integrity and honesty as we remember a life distinguished by both.

Steve Millard came to Colorado's Second Congressional District late in life and, at the age of 40, began a career in professional journalism with the Boulder Daily Camera. In a fairly quick manner Steve transitioned to the editorial staff of the paper and then to a well-suited perch as the editorial-page editor, which is perhaps the professional position for which he will be best remembered. Steve's editorial writing was remarkable not only for its deep well of knowledge and insight, but also for its adherence to logic and restraint. His arguments were the results of intellectual curiosity and clear thinking, not the pursuit of a political agenda. Steve chose to provoke thought with reason and forceful writing which, in a time of increased media and political sensationalism, is a sobering reminder of the public trust held in our journalists and public servants.

As his family reminds us in a May 22 eulogy in the Boulder Daily Camera, Steve Millard lived his life by those same terms, setting an example of integrity, honesty, and intellectual curiosity for those who had the pleasure of knowing him. For members of the Boulder community and readers of the Boulder Daily Camera, he reminds us of the importance of engaging in issues as an informed, thoughtful citizen. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I hope my colleagues will join me in praising Stephen Millard's example and recognizing his contribution to the public discourse.

**CONGRATULATING CASEY LEEK**

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Casey Leek. Ms. Leek is a student of anthropology and a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Leek and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING ELENİ P. KALISCH**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the exceptional work of Eleni P. Kalisch at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It has come to my attention that she will be stepping down as assistant director of the Office of Congressional Affairs and I want to take this opportunity to rec-

ognize her leadership within the FBI, and dedication to her work with the Science-State-Justice-Commerce (SSJC) Appropriations subcommittee, which I chaired during the 109th Congress.

FBI Director Robert Mueller recently stated that Eleni "has been directly involved in every issue facing the FBI over the past five years. . ." and that "as an advocate for the FBI and its mission, Eleni's abilities and professionalism have earned her the respect of both lawmakers and colleagues." I could not agree more with Director Mueller. Eleni worked with the SSJC subcommittee not only to increase resources for the FBI, but to help transform the FBI from an organization focused on arresting criminals to one focused on terrorism prevention after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that forever changed America. Eleni's public service deserves to be recognized.

During her tenure as assistant director of Congressional Affairs the FBI received funding from Congress to establish more than 100 joint terrorism task forces; increase the number of translators by 82 percent, including a 284 percent increase in Arabic translators since FY 2001; enhance the FBI's capability to communicate classified information with the intelligence community and state and local law enforcement; increase the number of legal attaché offices from 44 to 57; increase training for new agents to include classes on terrorism investigate techniques; establish field intelligence groups in every field office, and hire thousands of new agents and analysts.

While I was chairman, we also conducted vigorous oversight of the FBI and Eleni was cooperative and essential in preparatory work to help facilitate FBI transformation hearings each year in addition to the annual budget hearings. Her professionalism and willingness to ensure that the committee had all appropriate information was superior. I also want to recognize Eleni's work with Congress to help enact the PATRIOT Act Reauthorization and Intelligence Reform acts.

In short, Eleni has been a great asset to the FBI, has served the director well, and been an excellent resource for Congress. I wish Eleni the best in her future endeavors and ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Eleni for her hard work and dedication.

**IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY J. CRADDOCK, MARGUERITE GABRIELE, JESSICA E. SHAY, AND AVI M. WOLFSON AS THE RECIPIENTS OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the accomplishments of Timothy J. Craddock, Marguerite Gabriele, Jessica E. Shay, and Avi M. Wolfson as the recipients of this year's Undergraduate Research Fellowships at the University of Texas at Austin. They have been selected to receive scholarships to pursue research in their respective areas of interest.

The University of Texas in Austin offers financial support for students who undertake